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PATENT

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In re Application of:

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IDENTIFICATION OF BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES :

: Group Art Unit: 1743

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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended by one (1) month, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the paragraph which appears at page 18, lines 5-9 of the specification to read as follows:

In one embodiment of the invention, the marking 24 defines a surface or area having a specular reflectance that is greater than that of the container 20 adjacent to the marking 24. In this embodiment, the amount of light that is directly reflected from the marking 24 is greater than that reflected by the surface of the container 20 adjacent to the marking 24.